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THE EXHIBITS AT THE FAIR

From one end of the main exhibit hall to the other, at the Malheur County Fair, the building is packed with exhibits of the prospects of the valley.

In point of number, as well as in the character of the exhibits the displays this year surpass by far fairs of recent year. Particularly is this true of the Community exhibits in which the race between Adrian, Nysa and the Boulevard has resulted in the assembling of the finest the valley produces.

This is the real object of the fair, and having been given the prominence it deserves is bringing the annual exposition back to its own. While everyone wants to be entertained during Fair week, and the program before the grandstand is arranged for that purpose, yet after all the County Fair is primarily an educational institution where by competition and by example of what others have done the average rancher is stirred with a desire to better his product, increase his own prosperity and thus serve to increase the wealth of the community as a whole.

It is questionable how much the usual ballyhoo feature such as carnivals contribute to the attractive power of the Fair. Through custom they have grown to be a larger part than they should be in such gatherings. Since the Fair this year is a success as an educational institution without these inducements an object lesson for future fairs is given. If it is determined that such attractions be necessary, it will not be hard to secure them in the future. The fact that the carnival attraction billed for Ontario failed in the Yakima valley cannot be charged against the Fair board. They did their best to secure one, and had definite assurance of the appearance of every act billed, but the perversity of man cannot be foreseen, always, and no blame should attach to the management of the Fair for the absence of the carnival this week.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

The visit of the delegation from Eugene headed by Louis Bean, the next speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives on Monday, we hope is but the first of many such visits. When the folks over in the Willamette Valley start to get acquainted with Eastern Oregon there is hope for the future development of this region—if state wide co-operative effort can accomplish it. And we believe that no other method will do it.

It is remarkable to Eastern Oregonians that the people of the Willamette Valley should be interested in getting railroad work started in this section of the state. It is hard to believe, but it is a fact.

And what is more to the point the men who are taking this interest in the development of this section are men who really count in their home ballfields. They are the men who do things. Let them get going and

with the energy that Eastern Oregon can produce when the time comes to act—well there is no limit to what can be done.

And now is the time to act. We have for the first time the spirit of co-operation rising in the Willamette Valley. The Eugene men and their associates over there want the Natron cut-off built. They want it to connect with an east and west railroad running from Ontario to Crane, and a north and south railroad from The Dalles to Klamath. Are they dreaming? No! Not at all.

Oregon is entitled to that much consideration from the railroads. They have been given substantial rises in rates. The theory has been established that railroad investments are entitled to earnings on the funds actually invested. Then why not proceed now to request, first perhaps; but if that does not suffice, demand, of the railroads that they proceed to complete the system they have started in the interior of Oregon?

That is what the Eugene men propose to do. They do not want, nor should they be asked to do this alone. They want the co-operation of Eastern Oregon. And they want it from Ontario, from Vale, from Crane, from Burns, from Klamath, Bend, and every interested community in Eastern Oregon.

They will get that co-operation. They have the co-operation of the upper Willamette Valley, and thru the State Chamber of Commerce can be secured the co-operation of the entire state. That is the big thing. Put the whole state behind this movement and it will go—or some one will have to reveal why it does not.

To get down to problem here at home, it is up to Ontario to get behind the State Chamber of Commerce plan, to do its share, so that it can with Eugene, Bend and their towns, say to the directors of that who have met their Chamber quoddy: "here is our problem, it is an Oregon problem, and we want you to assist in solving it."

Until Ontario has done that it is not in position to meet visitors such as the Eugene men, and say we will help in this movement which will benefit us more, perhaps than it will help you.

Ontario's drive for the Chamber of Commerce fund has been delayed. The visitors did not come for the purpose of boosting it, but their object serves to call attention to the need for that organization as nothing else has done.

The filled stock pens at the Fair were the result, to a large degree of the activity of the boys and girls clubs. Tho but a few months old these clubs have demonstrated their worth. There is not need to worry over the crops of the future if the interest of the boys and girls of the present can be maintained by the club work.

The Oregonian recently admonished its readers to go to the County Fairs, if for no other purpose than to criticize. That may be good advice in the Willamette Valley but it is wasted over here for there is so little that can be criticized at the fair this week.

What a showing the boys and girls of Malheur county made at the Fair. Their exhibits were of a class to make their parents justly proud.

If good roads extend the trade radius of a town from three, to 50 or 75 miles as Senator Chamberlain said, to the people of Dead Ox Flat, is it not strange that more business men do not take a real interest in getting good roads built?

Ontario is justly proud of the fact that it was an Ontario boy, Glenn Rose whose pig was the big prize winner.

BUSY BEES HAVE FOUR TASKS

Bees carry four things into the hive, says H. A. Scullen, bee-man of Oregon a nomenclator at O. A. C. Nectar collected from flowers and made into honey is carried in the honey stomach; pollen collected from flowers and largely fed to the young as bee bread, is carried on the legs; water largely to feed the young is carried in the honey stomach; and propolis collected from such sources as buds of trees and used to varnish the inside of the hive and stop up cracks, is carried on the legs.

GOOD SEED HELPS CROP

The good potato hill for seed is the one that is vigorous, has no disease in top or tuber, and has a good number of fair sized potatoes smooth and true to type. By marketing the hills now and examining the tubers at harvest time the grower can get the very best seed his crop holds. This will help get a good crop of marketable potatoes next year.

MORE LAND NEEDED

A new site with land enough to make the experimental irrigation work of the Umatilla project truly representative for the near 300,000 acres of like lands in Oregon, is said to be a need of the Hermiton project, by James T. Jardine, director of the agricultural college experiment stations. Not only all Oregon but the entire west must back this and other worthy land reclamation projects if national aid is successfully enlisted.

PIANO TUNING

The undersigned will be in Ontario about the first week in Sept. tuning pianos. Anyone wishing their piano tuned at that time will please leave orders with Mrs. Cox. My tuning is highly recommended by Mrs. Moody at Vale who is the proud possessor of a Steinway Grand and which I tuned.

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Meeting place N. E. ¼, sec. 5 T. 17, R. 47, E. W. M.
E. F. SULLIVAN,
Secretary of the board of directors Dead Ox Flat Irrigation District, R. 3 Payette, Idaho.
Sept. 16 to Sept. 30.

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Overdrafts	1,012.04	Surplus and Profits	62,980.39
Bonds and warrants	144,415.84	Circulation	12,200.00
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